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For: Apparatus and Method for)		
Extracting Particles from a)		
Fluid Stream)		

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of November 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.